December 17 SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

Third Sunday of Advent PRELUDE ADVENT VIDEO: "The Shepherd's Candle: Joy" **ADVENT READING & CANDLE LIGHTING** (Erik & Kendra De Vries) SONG: "How Great our Joy!" TCH #269:1-3 WELCOME \*CALL TO WORSHIP & GOD'S GREETING: (responsive) \*MUTUAL GREETING MEN'S CHORUS: .....Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow CALL TO CONFESSION PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison) ASSURANCE OF PARDON SONG: "O Come. All Ye Faithful" TCH #249:1-2 {Children 4 years old - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to join the Worship Center leaders in the back during this song} DEACON'S PRAYER OFFERING: GEMS OFFERTORY:......His Endless Gift of Love Women's Chorus CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER \*SONG: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" TCH #272:1-3 SCRIPTURE: .....Luke 1:46-56 (pg. 1589) PRAYER OF APPLICATION \*SONG: "While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks" TCH #272:4-5 \*PARTING BLESSING \*CLOSING SONG: "How Great Our Joy!" TCH #269:4 \*POSTLUDE

Jeff White, Worship Leader; Lori Hofstra, Organist PsH=Psalter Hymnal (grey); TCH=The Celebration Hymnal (red) \*If you are able, please stand

**WELCOME** to New Life Christian Reformed Church! We are glad you are here today! If you are a guest, please enjoy some coffee and fellowship after the morning service. We pray you will be blessed as you worship with us and that you experience the love of Christ among His people.

**THIS MORNING**, we welcome **JEFF WHITE** and thank him for leading our morning worship service. Jeff is a teacher at Illiana Christian High School.

# **OPPORTUNITIES FOR TODAY**

GREETERS: Mark & Tina Hoeksema/Joe Jacobs/Rod Otte NURSERY: Cathie Bennett/Amanda Piatek SOUND OPERATOR: Brad Gossman POWERPOINT OPERATOR: Cameron Zandstra ROVING ELDER: Herb Sitter DEACON'S PRAYER: Erik De Vries COFFEE & COOKIE SERVERS: Dan & Cathie Bennett

**NURSERY CARE** is available during our morning worship service for newborn - 3 years of age. The nursery is located on our main floor in the east wing of the church at the end of the hallway.

**WORSHIP CENTER**: Children's Church (**4 years old - 2**<sup>nd</sup> **grade**) meets in **Room 3**. Teachers will escort children there during the morning worship service (see order of worship).

# EDUCATION HOUR: 10:45 - 11:45 AM

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** (3<sup>rd</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> grade) meets in Room 4.
- <u>SENIOR CATECHISM CLASS</u> (9<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> grade) meets in the Old Nursery (basement).
- ADULT EDUCATION CLASS meets in the Fireside Room.

Worship Center and Youth Education Classes will not be meeting on Sunday, December 24, and Sunday, December 31.

The Adult Education Class will not be meeting on Sunday, December 24, but <u>will be</u> meeting on December 31.

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### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

#### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK:**

Sharon Kooistra, John Leegwater (92)–12/18 Mary Lou Brummer–12/20 Bugs Rottier (81), Carla Van Til–12/21 Bill Fulton–12/22 Dale Ketelaar–12/23

### **EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS:**

"Thank you for all the birthday cards and thoughtful wishes. I greatly appreciate them!" **Millie Meekma** 

"Crossroads Prison Ministries would like to thank the congregation of New Life Christian Reformed Church for answering the biblical call to "remember those in prison" (Hebrews 13:3). Your support enables thousands of men and women to hear the life changing message of the gospel."